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## **Mexico**

### **Agricultural Situation**

## **Mexico's Monthly Crop Update, August 2002**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Official and private sources indicate that the pace of planting returned to a normal pattern for main grains and oilseeds for the fall/winter 2002/03 harvest, as weather conditions improved during July.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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The tables below represent the most recent official data published by Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA). USDA does not necessarily concur with SAGARPA's data; however, it is used in these tables so that readers may have a consistent data source as a basis for their analysis. FAS/Mexico's numbers may ultimately vary significantly from those presented below because of input from non-SAGARPA sources.

#### FORECAST FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2002 HARVEST

Crop	Planted Area Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 has)	Already Harvested Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 has)	Projected Production Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 MT)	Production Harvested Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 MT)
CORN	974	866	4,109	3,951
SORGHUM	933	804	1,734	1,507
WHEAT	557	540	3,094	3,077
COTTON*	-	-	-	-
SOYBEANS	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	2,465	2,211	8,938	8,536

\* Area on all tables is based on cotton lint (not cottonseed); SAGARPA reports area for the primary crop (i.e., cotton). The production estimate, however, is for cotton seed (there is a separate estimate for fiber which is reported in our annual and voluntary cotton reports).

SOURCE: SAGARPA as of July 31, 2002

#### FAS/MEXICO'S COMMENTS:

The spring/summer 2002/03 corn crop is expected at 4.109 million MT, slightly up from last month but almost 355,000 MT more or 9 percent from the same month last year. SAGARPA revised corn production upward based on higher yields resulting from favorable weather conditions. Similarly, estimated wheat production was revised upward from last month. Only sorghum production continues to be down 400,000 MT or 29 percent from the same month last year, reflecting dry weather conditions and low yields. At this time, FAS/Mexico is maintaining its PS&D estimates (see MX 2037). For the other crops, SAGARPA reports that harvest is keeping pace as scheduled.

## FORECAST FOR FALL/WINTER 2002/03 HARVEST

Crop	Planting Intention Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 has)	Already Planted Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 has)	Projected Production Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 MT)
CORN	7,263	6,351	15,742
SORGHUM	1,142	619	3,972
WHEAT	145	77	287
COTTON*	73	40	162
SOYBEANS	109	14	199
TOTAL	8,732	7,101	20,362

\* Area on all tables is based on cotton lint (not cottonseed); SAGARPA reports area for the primary crop, i.e., cotton. The production estimate, however, is for cotton seed (there is a separate estimate for fiber which is reported in our annual and voluntary cotton reports).

SOURCE: SAGARPA as of July 31, 2002

**FAS/MEXICO'S COMMENTS:** SAGARPA continues to report that the pace of planting has returned to a normal pattern as the weather conditions have been fairly normal in July. Consequently, production estimates are optimistic as are the estimated yields. In corn, for example, although the planting season began late due to lack of water, it has recuperated due to improved weather in the main non-irrigated planting areas. The pace of planting in corn is slightly lower than the average planted area of the last three years. On sorghum, the production estimate is lower than the average of the same years due to smaller planted area. Reportedly, Guanajuato will partially offset the lower planted area in Sinaloa. SAGARPA, however, will conduct a sorghum crop tour in next few days in order to evaluate the crop condition. According to official sources, most of the crop has been already planted. On wheat, SAGARPA officials expect that the planting pace can be recuperated in the main producing states such as Tlaxcala and Puebla due to improving weather conditions. Lastly, in cotton the planted area is lower than the average area planted last year during the same month, reflecting poor growing conditions mainly in Chihuahua. FAS/Mexico is maintaining the PS&D numbers previously reported (see MX2037; MX 2055 and MX2077).